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President's Year End Address

Dear YIPs,

2018 has been yet another year of positive growth for the Young Insurance Professionals of Toronto. At the five-year mark, YIPT has upwards of 1,200 members, an executive team of 20+ individuals from a wide spectrum of companies and disciplines, and an equally diverse roster of 13 corporate sponsors. YIPT's focus for 2018 was set on growing our initiatives outside of events, and providing members with new and unique career development resources. The two main successes in this regard have been the launch of the YIPT Mentoring Program and the YIPT Ambassador Committee. Both initiatives have been a resounding success so far, with 20+ successful mentor/mentee pairings, as well as ambassador committee with representation from over 20 different companies.

YIPT has continued to enjoy success in its staple networking events, as the organization continues to set new attendance records, while finding new and unique ways to keep its annual slate of events fresh and interesting. Traditionally, YIPT has hosted a schedule of 10 annual events, however with continued growth come the challenges of keeping pace. As a volunteer-run not-for-profit organization, YIPT is aiming to align its focus towards quality over quantity of events in the year ahead— taking the resources we have available, and making sure they are put towards maximizing our

signature (most popular and unique) events. This will ensure that our events continue to add value and are sustainable and consistent year-over-year.

In 2019 and beyond, our focus continues to be on the growth of our membership, while refining and maintaining our offerings of events and initiatives. Additionally, YIPT is well positioned to be a thought leader amongst the young insurance community, not just in Toronto but also across the country. Although in very preliminary stages, YIPT is currently exploring the possibility of incorporating other “satellite” chapters of young insurance professional communities in other markets. The opportunity for other YIP chapters is a significant opportunity for our organization, but must be balanced by several important factors, including available resources, feasibility, and most importantly a strong level of engagement from YIPs in other markets.

After five years, YIPT can proudly say it has achieved its founding vision of establishing itself as Toronto’s primary networking hub for young insurance professionals. A big “thank you” should be extended to all who have made this success possible, including our generous corporate partners, our tireless and dynamic executive team volunteers, and our thousands of members. Exciting times lie ahead, as YIPT continues to cement itself as a fixture in the insurance community, and a positive force for young professionals.

Sincerely,



Chris Hirte
President, Young Insurance Professionals of Toronto



Year End Celebration and YIP of the Year Award

On Wednesday, November 21st at Ricarda’s Atrium in downtown Toronto, YIPT hosted its 4th annual “Young Insurance Professional of the Year” awards night. A crowd of 300+ shared in the festivities as we handed out the award for Young Insurance Professional of the Year.

The award, which aims to recognize an insurance professional who contributes to both Toronto’s Insurance industry and the community at large, was won by Ally Lawlor of Zurich Canada.

Ally was nominated by her peers and chosen by our independent YIP of the Year Selection Panel due to her level of commitment to the insurance industry. This is demonstrated by her investment in continuing education (completing CRM and working towards CIP), demonstrating strong leadership by mentoring her peers (via YIPT’s inaugural mentoring program), and her overall level of industry engagement (speaker panelist for TIWA’s Millennials in Insurance Symposium and was recognized as one of Insurance Business Canada’s ‘Young Guns’), all while being an avid YIPT supporter!



YIPT would also like to congratulate the five other finalists who include: Denis Panaritis of CNA, Jurenda Jacobs of KASE Insurance, Luke Pinder of CNA, Krista Groen of Strigberger Brown Armstrong LLP, and Ryan Spilar of Heartlake Insurance Brokers Inc.

Get Involved With YIPT

As part of YIPT's mission to build and connect Toronto's insurance community, we rely heavily on our dedicated executive team comprised entirely of volunteers from the industry. With YIPT's continued growth, we are always looking for other YIPs who share our entrepreneurial spirit and passion for shaping the future of our professional community.



[If you are interested in becoming a contributing member of our team, click here to review the requirements and application form on our website.](#)

YIPT Sponsor Spotlight:

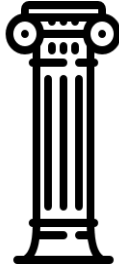


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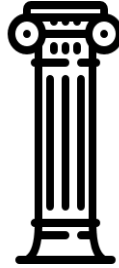
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About YIPT

Community



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YIPT is Toronto's platform for insurance industry professionals to engage, grow and give back to the community. Events are held throughout the year giving members access to peer-to-peer networking, mentorship programs, and relationship building.

YIPT is a non-profit organization with over 1000 members in Ontario. This diverse group of members consists entirely of insurance industry professionals at varied stages in their career ranging from entry level to seasoned.

We also encourage industry professionals at senior levels to join as members of the YIPT community. We are committed to promoting the growth of the organization's diverse membership and connecting members and industry leaders.

Please visit our website

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Thank you to all those who helped make this another successful year for YIPT. Happy Holidays from the YIPT executive team and its volunteers!

